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board members are made by Government and the hon. Member should have been able to obtain the information he requires from Part I-A of the *Fort St. George Gazette* which is supplied to all Members of the Legislative Council. An Indian military officer was appointed last year to the Trichinopoly Municipal Council.

Medical

Employment of trained midwives in rural dispensaries.

582 Q. – Mr. V. Kameswara Rao Nayudu: Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many rural dispensaries now exist;

(*b*) in how many of them trained midwives are employed by the medical officers; and

(*c*) whether the Government propose to take steps to have more midwives employed by increasing the necessary allowance?

A.—(*a*) There were 319 in existence on the 30th April 1928. No later information is available.

(*b*) Information is not available and has been called for.

(*c*) The Government have under consideration the question of increasing the subsidy given to midwives in rural dispensaries.

[For further list of unstarred question, see page 503 infra.]

STARRED QUESTIONS

Economic condition

Market rates of provisions published in the district gazettes.

*583 Q.—Mr. A. B. Shetty: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the publication of prevailing market rates for provisions every month in district gazettes is meant merely for the information of the public or for any other purpose;

(*b*) whether the Government rely on these figures as a correct basis for revising rates of assessment at the time of resettlement;

(*c*) on whose information these prices are quoted and what safeguards are taken to vouchsafe the accuracy of such report;

(*d*) whether the public are entitled to question the accuracy of such figures and get them corrected;

(*e*) before whom and in what manner such complaints are considered; and

(*f*) whether it is a fact that in civil courts the Gazette rates are not taken as binding on parties unless both parties agree to abide by them?

A.—(*a*) The publication is intended to supply useful information both to the public and the officers of the Government.

(*b*) They are taken as affording data for comparison.

(*c*) The Taluk Sarishtadar or the Taluk head accountant in the Tahsildars' offices and the Head clerks in the Deputy Tahsildars' offices are responsible for the figures, and they have to

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check their accuracy by personal enquiries from day to day. The Treasury Deputy Collector also has to check the figures before they are published in the Gazette.

(*d*) & (*e*) Complaints questioning the accuracy of the figures should be addressed to the Collector of the district.

(*f*) The Government are not aware of any rule on the subject.

Mr. A. B. Shetty :—" With regard to answer to clause (*c*), Sir, May I know whether the Government made any enquiry to find out that the officers mentioned in the answer do really make personal enquiries from day to day and check the figures, as they are expected to do ? "

The hon. Sir Norman Marjoribanks :—" They have no reason to doubt it ? "

Mr. A. B. Shetty :—" With regard to the answer to clause (*f*), the answer given is not the proper answer to my question. May I request the hon. the Revenue Member to give the answer required in clause (*f*) ? "

The hon. Sir Norman Marjoribanks :—" I do not know what further answer I can give, Sir."

Irrigation

Area on which inclusion fee has not been paid.

* 584 *Q.*—Mr. A. Kaleswara Rao : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of acres on which inclusion fees has not been paid up to end of fasli 1337 though they were included in the ayacut of Kistna Eastern Delta ;

(*b*) the number of acres out of them which have been cultivated wet by ryots on which penal assessments have been levied by Government in faslis 1337, 1336 and 1335, respectively ; and the total amount of penal assessments levied on them in each one of those three faslis ; and

(*c*) the number of acres out of them which are kept waste by ryots in each one of these three faslis for fear of penal assessment being levied ?

A.—(*a*), (*b*) & (*c*) The Government have not the information and have called for a report.

Supply of water for irrigation from the Red Hills tank.

* 585 *Q.*—Mr. C. N. Muthuranga Mudaliyar : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have come to any definite conclusions with regard to the supply of water for irrigation from the Red Hills tank to the Red Hills and other villages under the tank ;

(*b*) if the answer to (*a*) be in the affirmative, whether the Government will place on the table a statement of their decision in the matter ;

(*c*) if the answer to (*a*) be in the negative, whether the Government propose to take early steps to allay the longstanding grievances of the villagers under the Red Hills tank ;